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STERILITY TO FERTILITY AND GENE ENCODING THE PROTEIN AND GENE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 3, 2004, and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in a Supplementary European Search Report issued in connection with counterpart European Application No. EP 02 72 0587, mailed January 24, 2005. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is being submitted herewith. The Examiner is invited to review the Supplementary European Search Report to inspect the relevance indicated during United Kingdom examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

Xiangqin CUI et al., "The *rf2* Nuclear Restorer Gene of Male-Sterile T-Cytoplasm Maize", Science, Vol. 272, pp. 1334-1336 (1996);

Ian D. SMALL et al., "The PPR Motif – a TPR-Related Motif Prevalent in Plant Organellar Proteins", Trends in Biochemical Sciences", Vol. 25, No. 2, pp. 46-47 (2000); and

N. KOIZUKA et al., "Genetic Analysis of Fertility Restoration and Accumulation of ORF125 Mitochondrial Protein in the Kosena Radish (*Raphanus Sativus* cv. Kosena) and a *Brassica Napus* Restorer Line", Theor Appln Genet., Vol. 100, pp. 949-955 (2000).

Applicants note that Ian D. Small et al. and N. Koizuka et al., were previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 3, 2004. However, for the Examiner's convenience additional copies are being submitted herewith with a copy of Xiangqin CUI et al. together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that while this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicants have not received an action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).


However, if an action on the merits has been mailed prior to the filing date of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants hereby authorizes the charging of any required fees necessary for consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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